

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto are four (4) sheets of corrected drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

In Fig. 2, reference numeral "10" has been added to indicate the tool, and reference numerals "123" have been corrected to --132--;

In Fig. 3, reference numeral "10" has been added to indicate the tool;

In Fig. 4, reference numeral "10" has been added to indicate the tool, and reference numerals "123'" have been corrected to --132'--;

In Fig. 5, reference numeral "10" has been added to indicate the tool; and

In Fig. 6, reference numeral "10" has been added to indicate the tool.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The specification and claims 1-9 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities. In accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions, in Fig. 2, reference numerals "123" have been corrected to --132--, and in Fig. 4, reference numerals "123'" have been corrected to --132'--. It is also noted that in Figs. 2-6, reference numeral "10" has been added to indicate the tool. Although the Examiner has suggested changing reference numeral "123" in Fig. 5 to --133--, it is respectfully submitted that this has not been done. As described on page 8, lines 14-19, the detachable molding member 13 includes a second thread portion 133, for screw connection with the first thread portion 123 of the base member 12. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the reference numerals shown in Fig. 5 are correct as originally submitted. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the objections to the drawings have been addressed and should be overcome.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the instant invention.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner considers claims 1-9 to be allowable, if the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection were overcome. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all objections and rejections are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

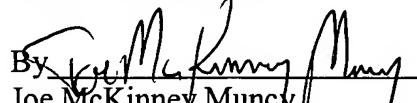
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